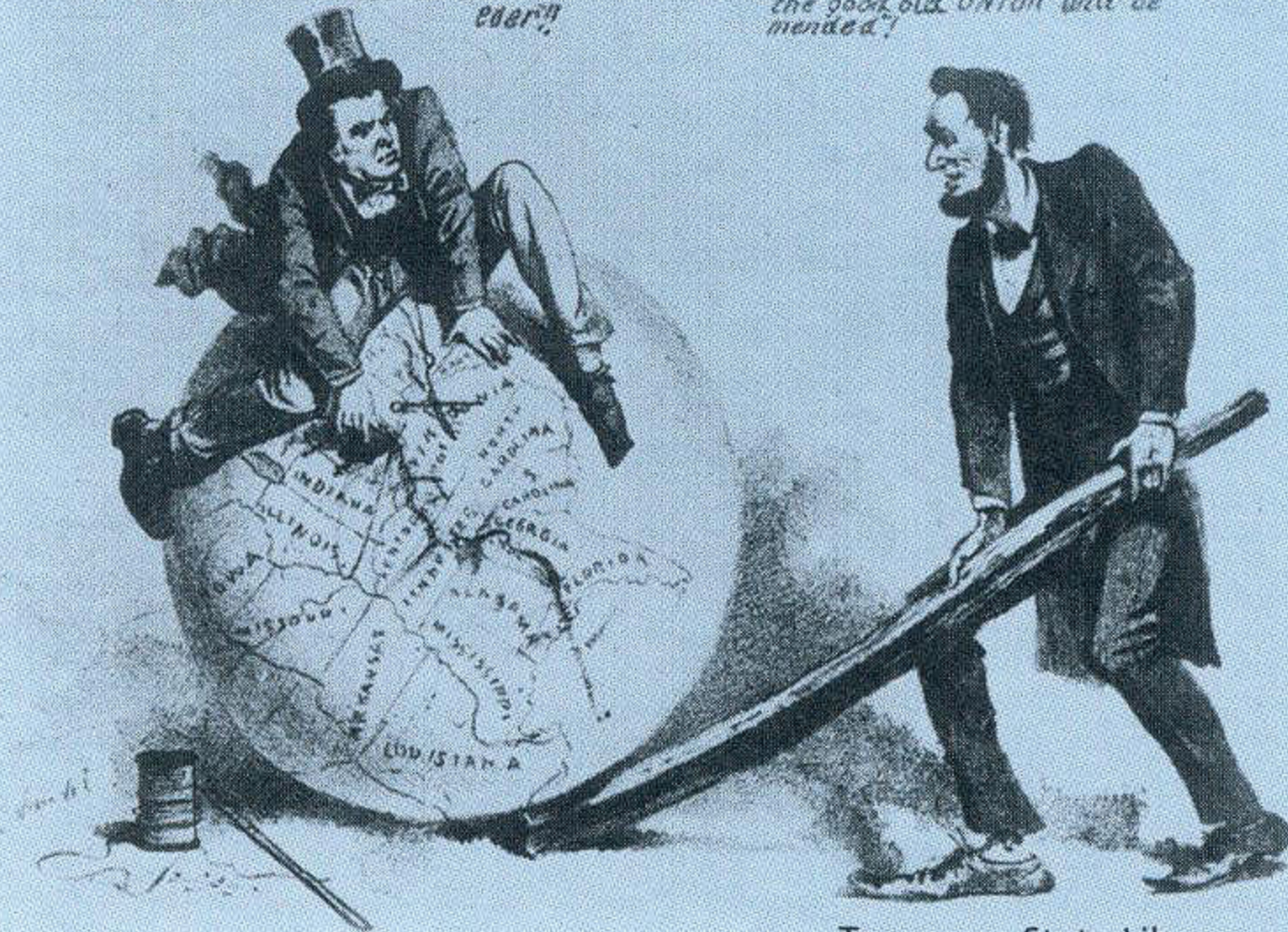


# A Johnson Chronology

*Take it quietly UNCLE ABE and I will draw it closer than ever!*

*A few more stitches ANDY and the good old UNION will be mended!*



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**1808**

Born December 29 in Raleigh N.C., to Jacob and Mary McDonough Johnson.

**1827**

Marries Eliza McCardle,

Greeneville, Tenn. They have five children, 1828-52.

**1829-30**

Alderman for the city of Greeneville.

**1832**

Appointed trustee of Rhea Academy, Greeneville.

**1834**

Mayor of Greeneville.

**1835-37**

Tennessee State Legislator, Democratic Party. Defeated 1837 and re-elected 1839.

**1840**

Presidential elector; supports Democrat Martin Van Buren.

**1841**

Tennessee State Senator.

**1843-53**

U.S. Representative, 1st Congressional District

of Tennessee. Term marked by fiscal conservatism, opposition to tariffs, support for annexation of Texas, campaign for Homestead Bill.

**1853-57**

Governor of Tennessee. Reforms public education, establishes State Agriculture Dept. and public libraries.

**1857-62**

U.S. Senator. Continues support of Homestead Bill, urges popular election of President, U.S. Senators, and federal judges. Delivers famous anti-secession speech Dec. 18-19,

1860. Only senator from seceding state to return to Capitol after outbreak of Civil War.

**1862-64**

Military Governor of Tennessee. Establishes provisional government. Emancipates slaves in Tennessee. Advocates general amnesty for secessionists.

**1865**

Vice-president of the United States.

**1865-69**

17th President of the United States as of Lincoln's death April 15. Seeks to restore

Union; opposes radical Reconstruction. Signs purchase of Alaska Territory, 1867. Impeached 1868 for violation of Tenure of Office Act; acquitted in May. Proclaims general amnesty for secessionists in December 1868.

**1875**

U.S. Senator. Only former President to return to U.S. Senate. Dies July 31; buried in Greeneville.

